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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system to invoke multiple executions of an analytical task and provide an analytical output in response, to receiving a request for analytical information from a front-end software application, wherein the computer system is programmed to:

receive a request for analytical information from a front-end software application, the analytical information to indicate a likelihood of an event occurrence with regard to an identified entity, the analytical information to be determined using any of multiple information values that are to be identified as associated with the identified entity;

use the request to identify [[a]] at least one first input information value of the multiple information values;

invoke a first execution of the analytical task by providing the at least one first input information value to a first analytical engine, wherein at least one second information value of the multiple information values has not yet been identified when the first execution is invoked; identify, using the request, [[a]] the at least one second input information value after

invoking the first_execution; and

invoke a second execution of the analytical task by providing both the at least one first and the at least one second [[input]] information values to a second analytical engine; and provide an output to the front-end software application in response to the request, the output indicating the likelihood of the event occurrence determined using a result from at least one of the first and second executions of the analytical task.

2. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the first analytical engine and the second analytical engine are located externally from the computer system.

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 (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the first analytical engine and the second analytical engine are the same analytical engine.

(Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the request includes the
at least one first input information value.

5. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the request includes the

at least one second input information value.

(Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is
programmed to obtain the at least one first information value by invoking an execution of

an additional analytical task.

(Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is
programmed to obtain the at least one second input information value by invoking an execution

of an additional analytical task.

8. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is

programmed to obtain the <u>at least one</u> second input information value from an additional request

that is received from the front-end software application.

(Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the analytical task is a prediction

task, and wherein the first and second analytical engines are prediction engines.

10. (Original) The computer system of claim 9, wherein the computer system is programmed

to use the request to identify the first and second prediction engines.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the computer system is

programmed to:

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invoke the first execution of the prediction task on the first prediction engine by providing the <u>at least one</u> first input information value as input into a first data mining model; and

invoke the second execution of the prediction task on the second prediction engine by providing both the at least one first information value and the at least one second input information value values as input into a second data mining model.

- 12. (Original) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second data mining models are a common data mining model, and wherein the first and second data mining models are used by the first and second prediction engines during task execution.
- 13. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is programmed to automatically send output information generated from the first execution of the analytical task back to the front-end software application.
- 14. (Original) The computer system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is programmed to automatically send output information generated from the second execution of the analytical task back to the front-end software application.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method to invoke multiple executions of an analytical task and provide an output in response, to receiving a request for analytical information from a front end-software application, the method comprising:

receiving a request for analytical information from a front-end software application, the analytical information to indicate a likelihood of an event occurrence with regard to an identified entity, the analytical information to be determined using any of multiple information values that are to be identified as associated with the identified entity;

using the request to identify [[a]] at least one first input information value of the multiple information values;

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invoking a first execution of the analytical task by providing the <u>at least one</u> first input information value to a first analytical engine, wherein at least one second information value of the multiple information values has not yet been identified when the first execution is invoked;

identifying, using the request, [[a]] the at least one second input information value after invoking the first execution; and

invoking a second execution of the analytical task by providing both the <u>at least one</u> first and the <u>at least one</u> second input information values to a second analytical engine; and

providing an output to the front-end software application in response to the request, the output indicating the likelihood of the event occurrence determined using a result from at least one of the first and second executions of the analytical task.

16-24. (Canceled).

 (Previously presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions contained therein to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a request for analytical information from a front-end software application, the analytical information to indicate a likelihood of an event occurrence with regard to an identified entity, the analytical information to be determined using any of multiple information values that are to be identified as associated with the identified entity;

using the request to identify [[a]] at least one first input information value of the multiple information values;

invoking a first execution of the analytical task by providing the <u>at least one</u> first input information value to a first analytical engine, wherein at least one second information value of the multiple information values has not yet been identified when the first execution is invoked;

identifying, using the request, [[a]] the at least one second input information value after invoking the first execution; and

invoking a second execution of the analytical task by providing both the <u>at least one</u> first and the <u>at least one</u> second input information values to a second analytical engine; <u>and</u>

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providing an output to the front-end software application in response to the request, the output indicating the likelihood of the event occurrence determined using a result from at least one of the first and second executions of the analytical task.

26. (Canceled).